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10:15 A. M.

Mr. Dulles:

Miss Bernice Miller, Mr. Hoover's secretary, telephoned the following message to you from Mr. Hoover:

"I saw Governor Adams at lunch yesterday. I told him that some immediate public announcement seemed to me to be necessary; that as I had agreed to the Administration's request to set up a task force I had at once, after our meeting on Monday afternoon, and because I was leaving for the West, taken up the matter with members of my Commission whose authority I must have to create the task force. Also, I had taken it up with members of the Appropriations Committee from all of which I think I should announce the bear facts before it is spread around. I would simply say as follows:

'The Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the government has authorized me to set up a task force relating to the CIA. The personnel of the task force will be announced sometime later.'

The selection of the members could go over until early August when I return. Do you agree?

"I have made inquiries about the possible Chairman we discussed yesterday morning. I don't think he is the type we need. For your consideration, I suggest we get the topside Army officer who is about to leave his industrial job to be the Chairman of this task force, therein we would have judgment, discretion and knowledge. I suggest, further, that the two or three members of the task force should be men of such character that they could make recommendations to my Commission on structural administrative matters and give me informal advice on other matters which was requested from other quarters."

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Miss Miller said they were leaving for the West on July 4th

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